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Applicant: RALPH STEINMAN et al. Examiner: RONALD B. SCHWADRON

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For: IDENTIFICATION OF DEC, A RECEPTOR WITH C-TYPE LECTIN
DOMAINS, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING DEC, AND USES
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified case as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

C. Please delete the abstract on page 96, and replace it with the attached separate page entitled "Abstract of the Invention".